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A MOMENTOUS BATTLE

A momentous battle opens in the Senate of the United States on January 7th. Columnist William S. White, writing in the Washington Star, points out that the loser in this fight, in addition to the Democratic party, may well be all future minorities, economic, religious, racial, or sectional.

The fight, of course, involves rule 22 in the Senate. This is the cloture rule. The rule requires the votes of two-thirds of the membership in the Senate to shut off debate.

The danger involved in destroying the restraint which now is a characteristic of the Senate is the danger which is personified by action in the House of Representatives on many occasions. For example, the House sometimes passes bills which involve millions or billions of dollars and the rights of millions of Americans, in a few minutes time, or maybe within a few hours' time. In less than two hours the House cheerfully approved a measure to draft striking railroad men into the Army, not too many years ago, a bill which should make every labor union member think twice and every liberal consider the present effort in the Senate.

Interestingly, the filibuster in the Senate has been more often used by liberals than by conservatives.

It has been used by both liberals and conservatives to gain time, in which members of the Senate could be educated and warned about dangers in a bill which was about to be steamrollered through the Senate.

The Senate has always been a non-majority institution, with the smallest state having equal representation with the largest. Unlimited debate has, of course, been abused, but so have other liberty safeguards, one of which is the Fifth Amendment, which few of the liberals would seek to destroy.

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FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

Thoughtful men and women would oppose any tendency in this country to create limitations upon the individual's right to think and express his thoughts, regardless of the topic considered. Any effort to curb intellectual freedom in an attempt to perpetuate the present status is an obstacle to progress and freedom.

Even in educational circles, sometimes, the course of inquiry and conclusion is restricted, usually to placate financial, economic or religious groups whose patronage the intelegence-dictators would either have continue or begin. The future welfare of humanity is sacrificed for such current favors.

Tolerance of discussion, based upon sincerity of belief, is the foundation alike of both democratic government and the maintenance of human liberty. Without freedom for criticism of both doctrines and deeds no error can be corrected, and no improvement may be looked for when human beings have been totally subjected to mental control and censorship.

A particularly disagreeable fact in every case where some dictatorship decrees beliefs and opinions for everybody is the savagery with which opposition is attacked and physically obliterated. Those who proclaim the unquestionable certainty and superiority of their own viewpoint fear to let it mix in free competition with other ideas and examples, a terror which entirely refutes the confidently expressed conviction of certainty.

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DEPENDS UPON PEOPLE

World peace, we are told, cannot be based upon the sovereign equality of nations, but must rest upon a world-wide legal order, standing above nations, and possessing the power to create law and enforce it upon individuals.

We think this would be ideal set-up, provided the super-government would learn what has not been appreciated in the United States, that the rights of individuals must not be snuffed out in an effort to produce a uniform pattern of conduct.

At the present time, however, we see no prospect that the nations, including the United States, are ready to abrogate their sovereignty. The trend of popular opinion, it seems, is the other way. There's danger of a nationalism, with the people of each country judging every proposal by what they get out of it.

We do not know when the ideal, super-state will arrive Some day it may come into being, but it will not be possible until the majority of the people of the world grow wisely tolerant of dissidents. The peace of the world depends more upon the willingness of peoples to live and let live than upon the type of governments that exist.

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Some wives are like fishermen. They think the best one got away.

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Any author can tell you that writing is easy; the hard job is to get somebody to read the stuff.

MORTALITY FOUND IN PLANTED SEEDLINGS

Recently local Foresters have found that more and more first year mortality of planted seedlings in cut-over pine areas is due to the Pales Weevil. This has come about, not because of an increase in weevil population, but because landowners are planting more and more cut-over land and planting it sooner after cutting.

The weevils breed in the freshly cut pine logs and stumps, often in larger roots and in stump area of trees weakened and killed by bark beetles. The following year a new generation emerges and feeds on pine seedlings, both natural and planted. Damage consists of chewing of bark or twigs, stem and even below ground litter. Persistent chewing usually girdles and dries out seedlings until it dies. Heaviest damage occurs in late summer. Other weevils and pine sawyer often join in the attack.

The Division of Forestry recommends that: either planting be delayed for a year following cutting, or the seedlings be top dipped in an insecticide prior to planting. This can be done for approximately 25c per acre. For more complete information on insecticides to use and methods of application contact your local Forestor or the District Office.

HAZY!

Phoenix, Ariz.- Workmen put a new roof on the home of Mrs. Pietra Fogo. She started a fire in the furnace — and then called firemen when the house began filling with smoke.

Firemen disocvered that the roofers had forgotten to put the chimney back on the roof.

Tough Customer

Brandon, Miss.- Although he was knocked down and run over by a three-ton road roller, Montie Bailey escaped serious injury. Soft earth cushioned his body.

Libyan hint for aid is seen in note on air base.

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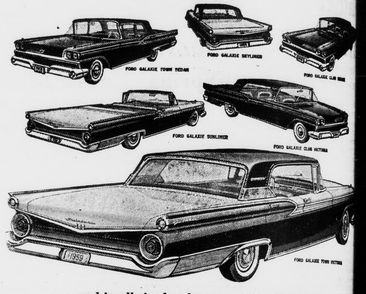

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Windy Needs Less Horse-power!

A bunch of us—Windy Taylor included—went to see Easy Roberts' new two-year-old filly. She's a real beauty!

Right off the bat, Windy was the "authority." He told Easy what kind of bridle to buy, what saddle. He even suggested that Easy was not keeping her in a warm enough stall.

Finally Windy pointed to the horse feed Easy had purchased and said, "Oh, no, not that. There's a much better brand." Easy smiled and said, "Really? When was the last time you ate some?"

From where I sit, the best advice is not to give too much advice, too often. Sooner or later, you intrude on people's personal preferences. Like who to vote for, or what car to buy—even what beverage is most refreshing. Me—I'll take a glass of beer but maybe you like iced tea. Fine! Let's respect each other's choice and not debate each other's "hoarse."

Joe Marsh

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Reporter for A. H. S.

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Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 15.- Wishing the Editor and his wife and the Times-Virginian readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Harsh, cold weather and snow hit around here.

Mrs. Dora Jean Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and children, of Evergreen were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach recently.

Mrs. Nellie Roach attended a Christmas Secret Pal Party in the home of Mrs. Rachel Stanley Dec. 5th.

Mrs. Toby Inge, Mrs. D. R. Inge, and Mrs. Clara Garrett were in Farmville last Tuesday.

Jim Frank Ranson was selling tobacco in Farmville on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Loyd Richardson and Ruby attended the shower given Mrs. Albert Harvey at Evergreen last Friday night.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. T. R. Richardson had to return back to the hospital in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shelton and Rickie, of Pamplin spent the weekend at Appomattox with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Rickie remained with his grandparents.

Many church services were canceled last Sunday because of bad weather.

INDIAN SCOUT DIES

Alamogordo, N. Mex.- Bigmouth, famed as the last of the Apache scouts, was buried at Mescalero, N. M., recently. He died at the age of 108.

Bigmouth — the only name he ever had — served as a scout for the United States Cavalry during the Indian wars.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appomattox, Va., Rt. 4, Box 86, Dec. 14. 1958

Mr, Editor,

Please give me a little space in your paper. I want to try to express my self and thanks to the Good Lord for blessing us to see almost the end of the year 1958. Have we been living here in this world or just staying here. Have we been mindful to visit the sick and those that are able to get around, have we striven to do unto others as we would have them do to us? Have we been dutiful to the church, Sunday School and all good works for the Lord? I think when we do those things we are living here, not just staying here. So, may the Lord bless us to see a Merry Christmas full of joy and love for the Lord and each other. I thank the Lord for blessing me to be 88 years old and I ask my friends to please pray for me that I may be able to get along. May we all strive to live better if we are blessed to see 1959. Make our best better. We thank the Editor for the nice little paper and ask the Lord to bless him with a successful business in the future. Now, we will not forget to ask a blessing for our friend, Mr. R. L. Burke. May the Lord bless those that look after him. May they be able to give him comfort. Now, let us all be thankful. May the Lord take care of us and save us at last a place in that home of peace and joy and everlasting life. —Your friend,

Henry Phelps.

This Modern Age

"And by the time he had reached 21," the lecturer told his class impressively, "Billy the Kid had killed 21 men."

"Geez," exclaimed an impressed pupil, "what kind of a car did he drive?"

France seeks more exports to South Africa.

Red China in midst of vast reforestation project.

Backlog reported increasing in steel industry.

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